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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
**WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**ATTN: Mr. Stanley E. Smigel, IAD/State**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Foreign Agents Registration Act**

**REFERENCE: Your Memorandum dated 14 July 1955**

1. In discussing the matters raised by referenced memorandum with the components of the Agency substantively concerned, this office found that the Agency had replied to a direct inquiry from the House Judiciary Committee prior to the receipt of your letter. The inquiry was similar to that submitted by the Committee to the Department of State. The prohibition against internal security functions by the Central Intelligence Agency, contained in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, was cited as the basis for declining to comment on the proposed legislation.

2. This Agency well appreciates the merits of the State Department's objective in advancing its proposed alternate language to Section 5 of H. R. 4105. We feel perhaps a uniform Executive Department position might be generally quite advantageous. Consequently, we suggest that the Interdepartmental Committee on International Exchanges, Office of Strategic Information, in the Department of Commerce might be a desirable and effective vehicle to formulate this position and appropriately present it to the House Judiciary Committee. Possibly the Department of State might wish to raise the matter there through its representative on the Committee.

3. We understand the legislative situation in Congress now to be such that there is little likelihood of H. R. 4105, or its Senate counterpart, being considered during this session. Thus there appears ample time for the foregoing suggestions to be considered.

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**Chief, Liaison Division**  
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